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~~DRAFT CABLE~~
~~FOR SECRETARY OF STATE~~

MOLOTOV'S SPEECH IMPRESSED PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON AS BEING "OLD

HAT" -- SAME OLD GRAMOPHONE RECORD. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT IT

WAS CLEVERLY CONSTRUCTED TO APPEAL TO NEUTRALIST SENTIMENT IN

EUROPE AND ASIA, IT LACKS DRAMATIC APPEAL, PUNCH LINES OR PHRASES

WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE WIDE OR DEEP PUBLIC IMPRESSION.

REPETITION OF WELL-KNOWN THEMES MAY INDICATE MOLOTOV GIVEN NO

LATITUDE BY MOSCOW COLLEAGUES TO RISK NEW OR DRAMATIC DEPARTURES

IN FOREIGN POLICY.

WITH RESPECT TO TIMING, BELIEVE IT WILL BE LARGELY OVERSHADOWED

IN EUROPEAN AND ASIAN CIRCLES BY SOVIET-NEHRU JOINT STATEMENT. BY

BAD TIMING SOVIETS HAVE LOST EFFECT OF A ONE-TWO PUNCH THEY MIGHT

OTHERWISE HAVE ATTAINED.

SOVIET ENDEAVOR TO MAKE VIRTUE OUT OF NECESSITY FOR REVERSING

DISASTROUS FOREIGN POLICIES RESPECTING AUSTRIA, YUGOSLAVIA, ETC.,

AND PORTRAYING THESE AS POSITIVE EVIDENCES OF NEW PEACEFUL LINE

NOT LIKELY TO HAVE MUCH SUCCESS EXCEPT IN CONFIRMED NEUTRALIST CIRCLES.

(~~SAME IS TRUE OF~~) ATTEMPT TO TURN AGAINST US OUR OWN SLOGAN OF "DEEDS

NOT WORDS" (~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~) OVER TIME MAY HAVE MORE IMPACT, ~~IF LOWER IS~~

~~XXXXX TO XXXXXXXX~~. HERE IT MAY BE WORTHWHILE TO REMIND PEOPLE

OF SOVIET UN VETO RECORD.

SPEECH AGAIN EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE IN PRESENT SOVIET POLICY

OF MAY 10 DISARMAMENT ANTI-FOREIGN BASES, ANTI-OCCUPATION TROOPS

PROPOSAL, AND AGAIN PINPOINTS FACT THAT OUR OVERSEAS BASES BECAUSE

OF STRENGTH WHICH THEY GIVE THE WESTERN ALLIES ARE PRIMARY TARGET

OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY.

WE VIEW SPEECH AS MORE IMPORTANT IN OUTLINING EXISTING THEMES

OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY THAN AS A DOCUMENT LIKELY TO AFFECT MINDS

OF MEN ON WORLD-WIDE BASIS. BOTH CONTENT AND TONE OF SPEECH INDICATE

ATTEMPT CREATE IMPRESSION SOVIETS BELIEVE THEY ARE IN STRONG POSITION

IN COMING NEGOTIATIONS.

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BELIEVE NO STRONG POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE XXXXXXXX REACTION

TO SPEECH IN NATO COUNTRIES LIKELY. ON ONE HAND, MOLOTOV HAS AGAIN XXXXXXXXX

DEMANDED DISSOLUTION OF NATO AND THIS WILL BE REJECTED BY GREAT BULK

OPINION IN NATO COUNTRIES. ON OTHER HAND, MOLOTOV MAY HAVE SCORED

TACTICAL GAIN BY PUTTING ONUS ON WEST FOR "DEEDS NOT WORDS."